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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1955

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STOLEN AMERICAN FLAG INCIDENT

1. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1500 AND 1700
THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS STOLEN OFF THE FLAG POLE IN FRONT OF THE
EMBASSY CHANCERY. DETAILS ARE NOT YET FIRM BUT THE FOLLOW-
ING PICTURE HAS EVOLVED:

2.A POLICEMAN FROM THE COPENHAGEN CRIMINAL POLICE HEAD-
QUARTERS TELEPHONED THE MBASSY AT 1730 AUGUST 19 AND REPORTED THE
FOLLOWING: AT 1715 A MAN HAD CALLED POLICE HEADQUARTERS
CLAIMING TO BE A DANISH CITIZEN WHO PREFERRED TO REMAIN
ANONYMOUS. HE STATED HE HAD SEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN HAUL
THE FLAG DOWN FROM THE FLAG POLE IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF
THE EMBASSY AND PUT IT IN A PAPER BAG. THE MAN SAID
HE FOLLOWED THE TWO ON FOOT UNTIL THEY BOARDED THE FERRY TO
MALMO, SWEDEN. THE POLICE SAID THEY CALLED THE SWEDISH
POLICE TO SEARCH THE FERRY ON ARRIVAL, GIVING A DESCRIPTION
OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED (BOTH ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD). NO
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FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN TURNED UP THUS FAR BY THE

POLICE, BUT THEIR INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

3. THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD ON DUTY WAS MAKING HIS ROUNDS AT THE TIME AND SAW NOTHING OF THE INCIDENT. TWO DANISH POLICEMEN PATROLLING IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING DID NOT NOTICE THE INCIDENT EITHER. THEY COULD WELL HAVE BEEN AT THE FAR END OF THEIR BEAT, OR HAVE BEEN DISTRACTED BY AN ACCOMPLICE.

4. TWO NEWSPAPERS (B.T. AND BERLINGSKE TIDENDE) CARRIED SMALL ARTICLES AUGUST 20 ON THE THEFT (ONE WITH A PICTURE OF TWO DANISH POLICE AT THE FOOT OF THE FLAG POLE). THEY REPORTED THE INCIDENT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND STATED THAT PASSENGERS ON THE BOAT WERE SEARCHED UPON ARRIVAL WITHOUT THE FLAG BEING FOUND.
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